## **CLAIMS**

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- 1. An isometric exercising apparatus comprising:
  - a support structure;

a user engageable member;

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- securing means for coupling said user engageable to said support structure;
- measuring means for measuring and displaying the force exerted by user on said user engageable member.

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- 2. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 1 wherein:
  - said support structure includes supports designed to resist strongest range of motion of muscular force applied by a human body during use.
- 3. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 1 wherein:
  said support structure includes a base member designed to support a user.
  - 4. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 1 wherein:
    - said user engageable member includes a first end, an intermediate section, and a second end, wherein said first end and said second end are removably supported
- by said support structure.

- 5. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 1 wherein:

  said user engageable member includes a first end, an intermediate section, and a
  second end, wherein said first end and said second end are rigidly supported
  by said support structure.
- 6. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 1 wherein:

  securing means for coupling said user engageable member to said support structure in a manner to permit said first end and said second end of the user engageable member to be secured to said support structure in user's desired position.
- 7. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 1 wherein:
  securing means for coupling said user engageable member to said support
  structure in a manner to permit said first end and said second end of the user engageable member to be detachably secured to said support structure in user's desired position.
- 8. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 1 wherein:
  20 said measuring means is in communication with a means for displaying the maximum force exerted by user.
  - 9. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 1 wherein:

said measuring means includes a means for storing data.

- 10. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 1 wherein:

  said measuring means includes a means for storing said maximum force exerted
  by user.
- 11. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 1 wherein:
  said measuring means includes a means for identifying a plurality of users.
- 10 12. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 1 wherein: said measuring means includes a means to retrieve said stored maximum force exerted by user.
  - 13. An isometric exercising apparatus comprising:
- a support structure, having a bench resting on the floor and adjacent supports extending vertically;

a user engageable member;

securing means for coupling said user engageable to said support structure;

measuring means for measuring and displaying the force exerted by user on said user engageable member.

14. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 13 wherein:

said support structure includes a bench resting on the floor and adjacent supports

extending vertically designed to resist the strongest range of motion of muscular
force applied by a human body during use.

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- 15. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 13 wherein:

  said user engageable member includes a first end, an intermediate section, and second end, wherein said first end and said second end are perpendicularly supported by said vertical supports of said support structure.
- 16. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 13 wherein:

  said user engageable member includes a first end, an intermediate section, and second end, wherein said first end and said second end are removably supported by said vertical supports of said support structure.
- 17. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 13 wherein:

  said user engageable member includes a first end, an intermediate section, and second end, wherein said first end and said second end are rigidly supported by said vertical supports of said support structure.
  - 18. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 13 wherein: securing means for coupling said user engageable member to said

support structure in a manner to permit said first end and said second end of the user engageable member to be secured to said support structure in user's desired position.

5 19. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 13 wherein:

securing means for coupling said user engageable member to said support structure in a manner to permit said first end and said second end of the user engageable member to be detachably secured to said support structure in user's desired position.

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- 20. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 13 wherein:
  said measuring means is in communication with a means for displaying the maximum force exerted by user.
- 15 21. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 13 wherein: said measuring means includes a means for storing data.
- 22. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 13 wherein:
   said measuring means includes a means for storing said maximum force exerted
   by user.
  - 23. The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 13 wherein: said measuring means includes a means for identifying a plurality of users.

	24. T	The isometric exercising apparatus of claim 13 wherein:
		said measuring means includes a means to retrieve said stored maximum force
,	* * ***	exerted by user.
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	25. A	a method for exercising, comprising the steps of:
		exerting a first force by a muscle group against a user engageable
		member;
10		measuring a maximum value of said first force;
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•		recording said maximum value of said first force;
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		abstaining from exercising said muscle group for a predetermined period of time
15		as prescribed by the magnitude of said recorded force;
		exerting a second force by said muscle group against the user engageable.
		member;
20	٠.	measuring a maximum value of said second force through the measuring means;
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		retaining the maximum value of said second force;

extending the exercising abstention period when the maximum value of the second force is a lower value then the maximum value of the first force;

exercising abstention period for the muscle group.

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- 26. The method according to claim 25 wherein:

  the first force is at the greatest exertion level of the muscle group.
- 27. The method according to claim 25 wherein:
- the first force is exerted in the position of the strongest range of motion of said the muscle group.
  - 28. The method according to claim 25 wherein:
    the first force is exerted for a period of 10 seconds.

- 29. The method according to claim 25 wherein:

  the first force is exerted until complete muscle fatigue.
- 30. The method according to claim 25 wherein:
- 20 the first force is slowly increased until the first onset of pain.
  - 31. The method according to claim 25 wherein:

    the second force is at the greatest exertion level of the muscle group.

32. The method according to claim 25 wherein:

the second force is exerted in the position of the strongest range of motion of said muscle or muscle group.

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- 33. The method according to claim 25 wherein:
  the second force is exerted for a period of 10 seconds.
- 34. The method according to claim 25 wherein:
- the second force is exerted until complete muscle fatigue.
  - 35. The method according to claim 25 wherein:

    the second force is slowly increased until the first onset of pain.
- 15 36. The method according to claim 25 wherein:
  the maximum value is retained by the means for storing said maximum force exerted by user.
  - 37. The method according to claim 25 wherein:

    the exercising abstention period is extended by three days.
  - 38. The method according to claim 25 wherein:

    the exercising abstention period is extended by four days.

- 39. The method according to claim 25 wherein:
  the exercising abstention period is extended by five days.
- 5 40. The method according to claim 25 wherein:
  the exercising abstention period is extended by six days.
  - 41. The method according to claim 25 wherein:

    the exercising abstention period is extended by seven days.
- 42. The method according to claim 25 wherein:

  the exercising abstention period is extended by eight days.
- 43. The method according to claim 25 wherein:15 the exercising abstention period is extended by nine days.
  - 44. The method according to claim 25 wherein:

    the exercising abstention period is extended by ten days.